



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 182**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6358

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2011*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE 4 KIDS STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish and operate  
5 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability  
6 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker  
7 who is working, attending high school or who receives cash assistance  
8 under the temporary family assistance program from the Department  
9 of Social Services and is participating in an approved education,  
10 training, or other job preparation activity. Services available under the  
11 child care program shall include the provision of child care subsidies  
12 for children under the age of thirteen or children under the age of  
13 nineteen with special needs. The department shall open and maintain  
14 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer  
15 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The

16 department shall issue a notice on the department's Internet web site  
 17 and shall provide written notice to recipients of program benefits and  
 18 to service providers any time the department closes the program to  
 19 new applications, changes eligibility requirements, [or] changes  
 20 program benefits or makes any other change to the program's status or  
 21 terms, provided the department shall not be required to issue such  
 22 notice when the department expands program eligibility. Any change  
 23 in the department's acceptance of new applications, eligibility  
 24 requirements, [or] program benefits or any other change to the  
 25 program's status or terms for which the department is required to give  
 26 notice pursuant to this subsection, shall not be effective until thirty  
 27 days after the department issues such notice.

28 Sec. 2. Section 4-165c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 No cause of action or liability shall arise against the state, any of its  
 31 agencies or subdivisions, or any state official, employee or agent, for  
 32 failure to comply with the provisions of section 4-67y, 10-215h, 17b-4a,  
 33 17b-112i, 17b-112j, [17b-749l,] 17b-790b, 17b-800a or 19a-59g.

34 Sec. 3. Section 17b-749l of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 35 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-749(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-165c
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to issue notices to child care subsidy recipients when the agency makes changes to the program's status or terms. The bill has no fiscal impact as DSS currently notifies recipients of changes to program eligibility, program benefits, and acceptance of new applications.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6358*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE 4 KIDS STATUTES.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, the Department of Social Services (DSS) must post a notice on its website and provide written notice to program participants and providers when it closes the Care4Kids program (the state's subsidized child care program) to new applicants; adopts eligibility standards, except those that make it easier to qualify for the program; or changes program benefits.

The bill requires DSS to also give notice, in the same manner and to the same entities, when it makes any other change to the program's terms.

The bill also repeals a duplicative statute and makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18      Nay 0      (03/10/2011)